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TO: Westfield Economic and Community Development Department

FROM: Debra Clement, resident of Countryside Condos, Westfield, IN

SUBJECT: Kroger fuel center and grocery store expansion

I would like to show my support for the proposed Kroger fuel center/store expansion. The planned expansion will greatly improve the community aesthetically and enhance the shopping experience for sure! The overall Kroger development plan is a great design but I would like to make a couple suggestions that hopefully our Westfield Economic and Community Development Dept. and Kroger will take into consideration.

Our main issue for the Countryside townhome neighborhood is the ongoing problem with litter/trash blowing over from the Kroger parking lot. The Kroger plastic bags and newspaper ads end up in our pond, hanging in our trees/bushes, and in our yards/common areas. I would estimate that 80% of the litter I have personally cleaned up is from Kroger. The plan for the fuel center appears to address this issue with a large berm with a very dense planting of trees/bushes. Please consider this also for the grocery store--- the largest berm and most dense landscaping allowed would be greatly appreciated. We would like to request for Kroger to make a concentrated effort to clean their parking lot and the surrounding common areas. In the past our repeated requests from Countryside HOA management to Kroger store managers has unfortunately not resulted in help with picking up the litter in our condo/townhomes neighborhood.

Also, would like to offer a suggestion in the design of the Kroger Depot building at the fuel center. In order to make the building safer and more reflective of the railroad/depot design theme, please consider adding an overhang with reinforced support posts on the front of the depot building. The posts would provide a safety zone for patrons by stopping vehicles from entering the sidewalk/building in case of car accidents. Also, the support post design could match railroad design details thereby contributing to the Spring Mill Station theme. Historically nearly all actual railroad depots had porches/overhang roofs with decorative posts. Another benefit for adding the depot building overhang would be the protection it would provide for patrons in the event of the bad weather as they enter/exit the building. Please consider this suggestion as it could be a great addition to your design plan!

Thanks to all for the opportunity to express my ideas and concerns.